

COTTON MARKETS DULL.

range of fluctuations was narrow, trading being light.

OFFERINGS WERE SOMEWHAT FREER.

Prices were steady and mostly unchanged—large deficit in the visible supply.

Returns 1 down to 2 up. Houston spots steady and unchanged. Liverpool 2-4d higher.

Office of The Post. Houston, Saturday, January 13. Today's cotton markets were dull and featureless. Liverpool, which was expected to strengthen, came up with another advance in sympathy with the condition of affairs in Europe. The New York market opened only higher. There was not much doing here, however, and with a few doves and doves steady and considerable realization, prices faded off. New York closed 1 to 2 cents lower than yesterday.

The Liverpool close showed an advance of 2 to 4 points, closing steady, after only a very light quotation. Europe bought to cover short sales. Wall street both bought and sold, but towards the close bought to some extent, one stock exchange taking 2000 March in one block. A cotton broker, Liverpool, gave out a bullish Houston estimate for Madras, strong cotton markets and some improvement in the cotton demand were bullish factors neutralized by the dullness of speculation and the fact that the cotton prices already were pretty high. Still others were rendered nervous by the sudden change of fortune of a Wall street house, formerly very busy here.

Sherwood, La., reports continued rains since the beginning of the year. Macon, Ga. and Atlanta, Ga., receipts today were still larger than a week ago or a year ago.

Beaumont, Texas, says there is no wheat in the ground in Bee county, which grew for corn. Port receipts today estimated at 23,000, against 21,48 last week, 22,217 last month, 21,480 in December. Dallas, Texas, reports unseasonable rain. The great Alabamian advised very small receipts at small towns. Private cable states Liverpool advanced on the strong statistics of good business in Manchester. The drawdown is just now the smallness of speculation. Interest is certain to revive, however, if receipts continue light, as they seem likely to.

(Special to The Post.) New Orleans, January 13.—W. H. Bacheller & Co., L. C. Savoie, of cotton:

Liverpool continues to reflect a more confidential feeling abroad, responding as well to the developments of the strong statistical situation on this side and to facts that will easily themselves and exert influence.

The movement of improvement in futures spots 2-4d advanced. The movement continues to proceed on the same short basis, ports showing a material falling off as compared with an 8,750,000 crop year, while cotton brokers are holding them as strong as ever, and hold them firm in their conviction that higher prices would prevail.

Trading today ruled dual and uneven, with prices easier as compared with yesterday. Spot cotton, steady, though slightly changed price, and receipts remained exceedingly light. The strength of cotton is in evidence and the opposition that is offering can be of no avail as each day shows that the tide is coming lighter, with a prospect of further depletion.

(Special to The Post.) New York, January 13.—Atwood Violett & Co., say of cotton:

The South holds the white hand and knows the value of the balance of the unseeded crop and hold for very much higher prices, considerably above those of 1897, when we shall see an extreme advance in the market and a very heavy advance in Liverpool. The estimate announced yesterday of R. T. Wilson & Co. of 8,750,000 bases on the crop of 1897. The world's consumption of America is today 1,650,000 bales larger than in 1897, and yet the world's visible supply of cotton is today 273,000 bales less than in 1897. The New York market is 7.11-12, against 7.10-12 in 1897. Our exports to-day are 1,820,000 bales less than this date last year and yet the visible supply in the United States is 49,000 bales more than in 1897. Total exports from this country last year were 1,524,000 bales, or less 1,600,000 bales less than total crop of the present season according to the estimate of Wilson & Co.

New York Cotton. The cotton market opened with prices 2 to 6 points higher, and exhibited strength most of the session on active support from the bear side. The latter were induced to retreat by unexpected firmness in the English market, prospect of additional shrinkage in the coming week in India, and the fact that Indian demand from Southern spot markets. There was little in the way of new business, however, leading room bulls to proceed with the utmost precaution. Though bullish at heart, the movement was slow, failing to find buyers to fight shy of the market until the difficulty in South African took some form toward definite settlement, and until "manipulators" talk subsided. Receipts of cotton from abroad were strong, and demand for spot cotton more urgent. The market for futures closed steady, with prices not unchanged to 3 points higher.

New York Dry Goods. The week closed steady, though the market for May delivery might be a point lower than for the speculator, who was "short" of funds for the latest month. If the spinners had not been so anxious to get out of short, should urge upon the hands of speculators an abatement of price because of the lack of improvement in the actual demand for cotton goods, but in various directions a number of figures reported for forward deliveries of staple varieties. The tone of the market is without change of moment and previous prices reigned. Prices are quiet throughout, but steady demand fair. Cotton in active demand at previous prices. Cotton yarns are quiet, but prices firm. Woolens and worsted yarns are in better demand and tending toward a price.

Houston Daily Statement. Last

Today. Yesterday. Year.

Gross receipts 3,963 2,563 2,563

Net receipts 1,024 681 681

Stock 1,849 1,761 1,761

Shipments 1,824 1,626 1,626

Total 3,873 3,007 3,007

Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe

International and Great Northern

Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe

Baileys, Wadsworth

Schooner, Normandie

Schooner Golden Arrow

Total 3,021

DAILY INTERIOR MOVEMENT.

Receipts, mills, Stock.

Austin 4,462 4,462 4,462

Memphis 5,063 5,063 5,063

St. Louis 7,109 7,109 7,109

Total 17,624 17,624 17,624

LIVE STOCK.

HOUSTON.

The following are the quotations for this market, as furnished by the Box-Bell-Saunders Commission company:

Cattle, hogs, sheep, horses, mares, ponies, etc.

Choice steers 1,444 1,834 1,834

Common steers 1,389 1,789 1,789

Choice hogs 1,000 1,000 1,000

Common hogs 950 950 950

Bulls and stags 1,000 1,000 1,000

Work oxen 1,000 1,000 1,000

Calves 1,000 1,000 1,000

Choice calves 1,000 1,000 1,000

Common calves 950 950 950

Calves, mares, ponies, etc. 1,000 1,000 1,000

Bulls and stags, etc. 1,000 1,000 1,000

Work oxen, etc. 1,000 1,000 1,000

Calves, mares, ponies, etc. 1,000 1,000 1,000

Sheep 1,000 1,000 1,000

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